



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR :
REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF :
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SHARON D. CORDY, L.P.N. : ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
License No. 26NE01200300 :
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TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE :
OF NEW JERSEY :
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (the "Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Sharon D. Cordy ("Respondent") is a licensed practical nurse in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

2. Upon receipt of a flagging notice indicating that Respondent was arrested on June 30, 2012 by the Ewing Township Police Department for Aggravated Assault with A Weapon, N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1(b)(2), the Board sent a letter of inquiry, requesting certain information and submission of documents, to Respondent's address of record in Trenton, New Jersey, via regular and certified mail on or about July 2, 2012. The regular mailing was not

returned; the certified mailing was returned to the Board as "unclaimed - unable to forward."

3. By facsimile dated July 19, 2012, Respondent's attorney, Steve Hallett, Esq., advised the Board that a motion for dismissal had been filed, and that the matter was scheduled to be heard on August 2, 2012.

4. To date, Respondent has not provided a complete response to the Board's request for information.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's failure to fully respond to the Board's request for information constitutes a failure to cooperate with a Board investigation, in contravention of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2, -1.3, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e), subjecting Respondent to disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on October 16, 2012, provisionally suspending respondent's nursing license, and imposing a \$200.00 civil penalty. A copy of the Order was forwarded to respondent by certified and regular mail at her address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal

setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Ms. Cordy replied to the Provisional Order, advising that the arrest related to a domestic dispute. She also indicated her place of employment and provided documentation of 28 contact hours of continuing education. However, although respondent stated in her submission that she believed the charges against her, though still pending, would be dismissed, the Board noted that no copy of a summons/complaint or police report relating to the arrest was provided, as the Board had requested. Accordingly, the Board found that respondent's submissions were still not an adequate response to the Board's original inquiry, and determined that the Provisional Order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 12th day of February, 2013,

ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's license to practice nursing be and hereby is suspended until such time as Respondent cooperates fully with the Board's investigation by providing the Board with the information requested in the Board's letter of inquiry.

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$200.00 is hereby imposed upon Respondent. Payment shall be made by certified check

or money order, payable to the State of New Jersey, delivered to George Hebert, Executive Director, State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Payment shall be made no later than 15 days after the entry of any Final Order of Discipline in this matter. In the event Respondent fails to make a timely payment, a certificate of debt shall be filed in accordance with N.J.S.A 45:1-24 and the Board may bring such other proceedings as authorized by law.

3. Upon entry of a Final Order of Discipline, Respondent shall refrain from practicing as a nurse and shall not represent herself as a Licensed Practical Nurse until such time as her license is reinstated. Any practice in this State prior to reinstatement shall constitute grounds for a charge of unlicensed practice.

4. Nothing herein precludes the Board from taking action on the underlying conduct that was originally the subject of inquiry in this matter.

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